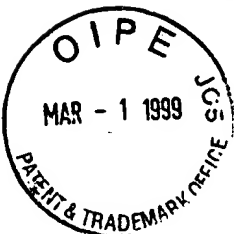


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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	FAN	Examiner:	J. MOY
Serial No.:	08/990,195	Group Art Unit:	3727
Filed:	DECEMBER 12, 1997	Docket No.:	12515.2US01
Title:	LEGGED POT		



CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: BOX AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on February 25, 1999.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(d))

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, but before the payment of the issue fee.

Petition

Accordingly, this is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(ii) for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449 along with a check in the amount of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1) for the petition fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(iii).

This statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that this statement is submitted wherein an International Search Report (copy enclosed) dated January 21, 1999 listing US 4,059,920, US 5,564,226, FR 2310695, FR 2724813, GB 1316159, NL 8800273, and WO 96/35326, listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application within three months of filing this statement (certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)).

The remaining references on the enclosed Form 1449 were not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, or to the knowledge of the undersigned after making a reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual under §1.56(c), more than three months prior to the filing of this statement (certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2)).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

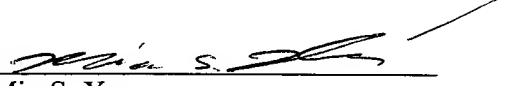
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